THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 20th December 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" It appears that we would not be in a position to finish the Bill before us to-day itself. If we are not in a position to finish the Bill to-day itself, the House will sit tomorrow also. In case we meet tomorrow, the House will sit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2-30 to 5 p.m.

" I also wish to inform the House that to-day from 2-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. the hon. Member Sri Gopalan's motion for a one-hour debate about the wages of beedi workers will be taken up. But I should like also to inform hon. Members that this is an unusual concession that I am allowing. The usual procedure is to take up such motions at the end of the day. To-day, however, I have allowed this concession because the Hon. Minister concerned has some other work to attend to in the evening and he will not be in a position to reply to the debate if it is taken up at the end of the day. Therefore this should not be taken as a precedent to be followed hereafter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In view of this arrangement I would like to know whether we sit till 5 o'clock or till 6-30 in the evening? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not know, but I am at the disposal of the House. Whatever is the wish of the House I am prepared to accept."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" It was understood that this one hour would be given at the end and the House would sit till 6 p.m."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have no objection.

" If we sit tomorrow also, the general discussion of the Bill will be taken up to-day and the clause by clause consideration will be taken up tomorrow.

" Let us now take the questions relating to the Hon. Minister for Agriculture as he has some other engagement to attend to."